WHAT’S MISSING?
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Some clues in this puzzle lead to both the answer and how that answer should be entered into the grid. A number of squares in the grid will be dually affected; read the letters in those squares in the appropriate order to determine the only thing missing. Enumerations have been withheld.

ACROSS
1 Flowers and bullets to be scattered about
6 Fireplace frame is top-of-the-line, according to reports
10 Neutral color appears in The Crucible
11 A cartoonist named Wilson pens king and Islamic leader
12 Ultimately asks leader of Tories not to mention viewpoint
14 Be nice, pull out what an editor uses
15 Ignoring the first lessons to be learned for tests
18 Cook diced lousier fruit
19 Revolutionary ran the Middle Eastern city
21 Take care of New York’s left-leaning council
23 Get to church after dealing with bit of angst
25 Arm muscle doesn’t start flipping English coin
27 Member of the peerage embracing liberal is hard to reckon
31 National park’s depths described by pop singer John, interrupting you
34 I take to the skies, intercepting British front line
35 Beginning digging around Central America
36 Retired lawyers finally criticize backing file-sharing service
37 It follows that beast on the way back
38 Almost reveal embarrassment about misguided sergeant’s music
39 Yell? Doe will be terribly frightened

DOWN
1 Defeat the original drummer for the Beatles
2 Regarding brake’s edges in Dr. Clancy’s vehicle
3 Freak served up a fish
4 Boy touches extremely large kitchen item
5 Each premier of Russia was conclusively hearing things
6 Lass captivates Eastern Highlander
7 Winnie-the-Pooh character holds back sneeze
8 I lay low, let criminal flounder
9 Signed up ten delis by mistake
13 Mischievous troop missing its leader
14 Hype is initially shocking goody-goody
16 Legal matter involving athlete Moses and various kinds of alcohol
17 University-established boards hindering scholarly woman
18 Knocked back last bit of Chambord with captain, for one
20 No loss belonging to that female athlete from Canada, perhaps
22 Certain athlete and big corporation part ways
24 Composed opera about unsatisfactory queen of Crete
26 Symbol of the Denver Mint appears in new penny
28 It provides moonshine in any event
29 Sailor grabs small dictator
30 Crazy attempt is brought up
31 Susan assuming Regina is trustworthy
32 Memoir about law school a talk show host reviewed
33 Worked with wool, old yew tree

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